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Panchayat Courts

Transfer of Tekkate village to the jurisdiction of the Ultur Panchayat Court.

*867 Q.—Mr K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Tekkate village, No. 60, Coondapoor taluk, is now under the jurisdiction of the Koteshwar Panchayat Court as before or of any other court;

(b) whether the residents protested against their village being brought under the Ultur Court in about June last;

(c) whether they made a petition, dated 22nd June 1928, to the hon. the Commissioner of Land Revenue protesting against the transfer and with what result; and

(d) whether Government propose to retransfer the village to the Koteshwar Panchayat Court after consulting the wishes of the residents and, if not, why not?

A.—(a) The village of Tekkate, which was originally within the local jurisdiction of the Koteshwar Panchayat Court, was transferred to that of the Ultur Panchayat Court with effect from the 1st September 1928.

(b) & (c) The Government have no information.

(d) No facts have been brought to the notice of Government to justify the action proposed

Stamps

Selling of court-fee stamps up to Rs. 100 through stamp-vendors.

*868 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether Government have arrived at any decision on the question of selling court-fee stamps up to Rs. 100 through vendors, with reference to the cut in the demand for stamps during the last budget debate?

A.—The subject is under the consideration of the Government.

Finance

Utilization of the remitted provincial contributions.

*869 Q.—Mr. S SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have laid down or propose to lay down a policy for the appropriation of the three crores and a half of provincial contributions now wiped out;

(b) whether such a policy includes the lowering of taxation which has been raised recently in the province, and if not, why not; and

(c) what such a policy is and whether the Council will be given an opportunity of expressing its opinion thereon?

A.—(a) The final budget estimate for the current year 1928–29, after taking into account the remission of the whole provincial contribution of Rs. 348 lakhs, provided for an excess of expenditure on revenue account over anticipated revenues of Rs. 8·30 lakhs.